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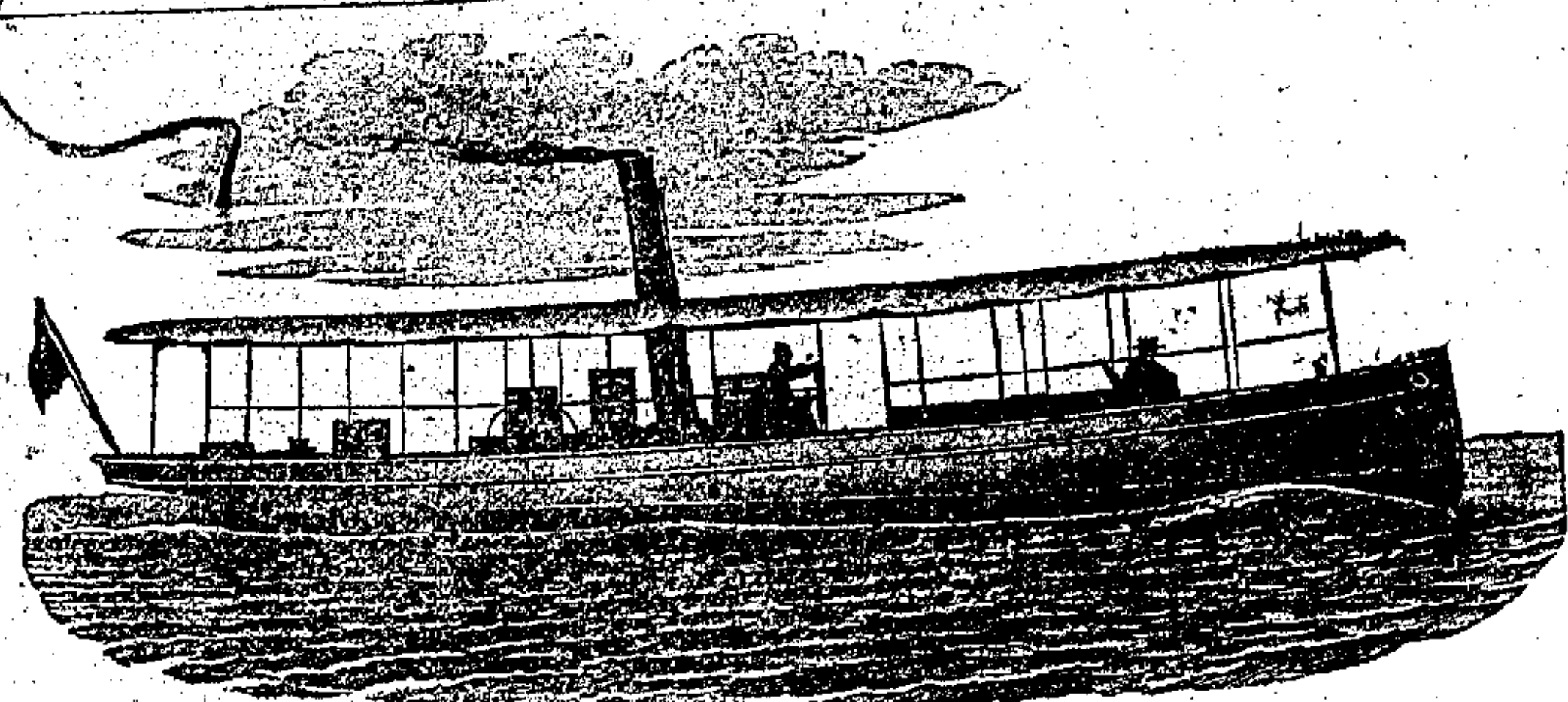
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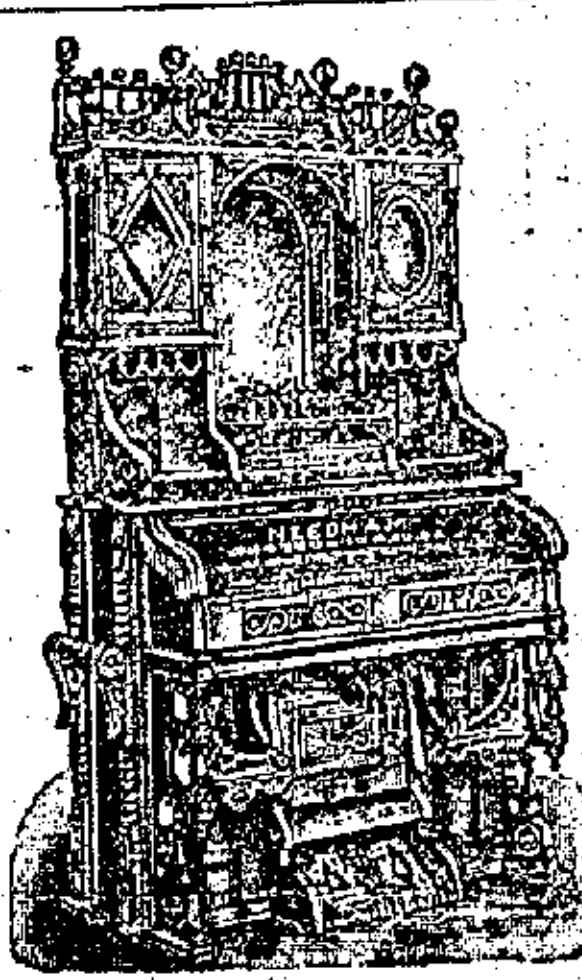
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By Order of the Board,

DOUGLAS JONES,

Hongkong, October 12, 1899. 2230

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Hongkong, October 19, 1899. 2300







## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

## Notes by the Way.

It is expected that the first Celestial Express train will start in 1902.

Lieut. A. H. Oldham takes command of H.M.S. *Swipes* and Lieut. Hillman transfers to the *Woodhull*.

The Tientsin Freemasons propose to give a Ball in which non-Masons will be allowed to participate.

Mr. T. Carvill has been appointed acting British Consul at Wanchow, Mr. Allen resigning the service.

Scarlet fever has broken out at Chefoo School, where already one child has succumbed to the disease.

Carl Kruger, a nephew of 'Oom Paul', was one of the graduates 'enrolled' at Edinburgh University the other day. He won the Syms Surgical Scholarship.

We have received from the Tientsin Press a copy of the race book for the Tientsin Autumn Meeting which commenced to-day and continues on Wednesday and Thursday.

The new weapon with which it is proposed to arm the Field Battery of the Hongkong Volunteers is the 2.5 guns which will be largely used in the operations in South Africa.

The *Bangkok Times* of the 19th October says:—Mr. B. James, B.A., of King's College, who returned on Sunday, went to spend his holiday in Java, but spent it in hospital at Singapore instead, owing to a bad attack of dysentery.

At the completion of his forthcoming visit to the Queen at Windsor, the German Emperor will join his yacht, the *Holstein*, at Leith, breaking his journey to Scotland at Penzance, in order to pay a private visit to the Earl of Lonsdale at Llanthyller Castle.

The exports of British textiles, &c., from Manchester, Liverpool, London, the Clyde, and Southampton to the east coast to India, the Straits, and the Far East, for the eight months ended Aug. 31, amounted to £21,434,803, against £20,714,220, for the corresponding period of last year.

The international four-oar race at the Shanghai Regatta was won by the British crew, skated by F. A. Rickard. The Scots were second, the Irish third, and the Germans (who were the holders of the cup) fourth. The Hong race for the Doot Challenge Cup was won by the Hongkong and Shanghai Club (F. A. Rickard, skater). Taiwan being second, and Mouwing third.

## The Chinese Reformer.

Kang Yu-wei, the Chinese Reformer, is expected to arrive in Hongkong in a few days.

## A Stabbing Affray.

In the course of a quarrel, yesterday, in the Central Hotel between two seamen from the Argentine training ship *Presidente Sarmiento*, one of the men named Wancski stabbed Martin Aguirre, the other disputant. P. C. Brown removed the injured man to the Government Civil Hospital. The other man is under arrest. The wounds of the injured man are not serious.

## The Loss of the 'White Cloud.'

At the Magistrate's office this afternoon, before Mr. H. Gumpertz, Acting Police Magistrate, the hearing was resumed of the charge against Captain Raymond of taking the steamer *White Cloud* to sea in an unseaworthy condition. Mr. R. C. Dixon, Government marine surveyor, gave evidence that he had known the *White Cloud* since 1891. He surveyed the vessel, in 1893 and passed her as a river boat for river limits. He should certainly not have passed her in 1893 for going to sea and should not have given her a certificate of any sort for that purpose. He should say that taking such a vessel to sea in the month of September was calculated to endanger the lives of those on board. Mr. R. Jones, boarding officer, gave evidence of the service of the defendant. Mr. McCulloch, the second engineer, gave evidence of his experiences on the voyage. Defendant was committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

On the 31st at 11.55 a.m. The barometer has fallen in China, particularly on the E. coast. A low pressure area seems to be lying between the E. coast and the Loo-Choo. Gradients slight in the South, with moderate monsoon in the N. part of the Delta Sea. Forecast:—moderate E. to N. winds; fair.

China Planes: very compact, 5 Olatives; iron frames. Transposing. Pianos. Robinson Piano Co.

## JAMES REED INJURED.

Mr. James Reed struck his leg against a sack of tea in such a manner as to bruise it severely. It became very much swollen and pained him so badly that he could not walk without the aid of crutches. He was treated by physicians, also used several kinds of liniment and a half-bottle of whiskey in bathing it, but nothing gave any relief until he began using Chamberlain's Pain Balm. This brought about a complete cure in a week's time and he believes that had he not used this remedy he would have had to be amputated. Mr. Reed is one of the leading merchants of Lay Court House, W. Va. Pain Balm is unequalled for sprains, bruises and rheumatism. For sale by All Dealers; Watkins & Co., General Agents.

## Xmas and New Year Parcels.

Parcels for the United Kingdom must be posted before 3 p.m. on Friday, November 10th. They are due in London on the 17th December. Senders of Parcels are requested, however, to post them a few days in advance.

## Contagious Diseases.

The list of contagious diseases reported last week to the Medical Officer of Health comprise 1 case of plague—a dead body discovered by the Police on the steamer *Patsun*; 1 case of enteric fever and 1 case of purpuric fever.

## Christmas Cards.

The Postmaster General is notifying the mails for the despatch of Christmas and New Year parcels. To those who prefer Christmas cards to parcels for distant friends, we commend an examination of Messrs Kelly and Walsh's special designs. They are neat and artistic, and each one contains a characteristic Chinese scene in colotype.

## The Poor Advance into Natal.

The following telegram in *The Times*, dated Glenage, September 27, was a wonderfully correct prediction of the Boer advance into Natal:—It is stated on excellent authority that in the event of any further movement of British troops in this direction, the Boers, who are now massing at Vryheid, propose making a dash in force through a portion of Zululand. They will cross the Buffalo River at a point below Durban's Drift, their object being to cut off the troops at Dundee and Ladysmith by seizing the railway. Such a move would not only interrupt the British lines of communication, but would seriously interfere with the forward movement.

## Fictional China.

*Cassell's Saturday Journal* is a most interesting magazine and every month gives some amusing items relating to Fictional China. The following appears in the September number:—The Dowager Empress of China patronizes young musicians, and criticizes their performances. Once in a while she falls asleep while listening to a new performer, upon which occasions Court eunuchs require the musician to continue playing until the royal personage awakes. The Dowager Empress of China, who by the way, is an extensive reader, a fair pianist, and partial to the works of European composers, is said to be a woman absolutely devoid of a sense of fear in any shape or form.

## Hongkong Church Missionary Association.

A small pamphlet has been issued by the Hongkong Church Missionary Association describing the work of the Society. A meeting of the Committee was held at St. Paul's College on Tuesday, September 15th, when it was decided that the work of the Association should be divided into Departments and that for each Department a Secretary should be appointed who should be responsible for its proper working. The following were invited to bear office in the Association:—Literature Secretary, Mrs. Campbell; Box Secretary, Mrs. Gibbs; Secretary for the Juvenile Department, Mrs. Goodlun; Treasurer, Mr. A. Bryer; General Secretary, Rev. F. T. Johnson. It was also decided that the above officers should be the President of the Association should form an Executive Committee.

## 'The Quiver.'

The October number of *The Quiver* contains a volume, and consequently the second serial stories 'Colina's Island' and 'Love Light' have come to an interesting and satisfying finish. There is a powerful and soul-stirring discourse on the blessings of contentment by Archdeacon Sinclair, D.D. The article entitled 'The Author of "Rob and His Friends"' has a peculiar interest from the fact that it is from the pen of the late-revered Professor W. Gordon Blake, D.D., and it deals with the life of that most affectionate of men, Dr. John Brown. We mention these articles at random, but in the four score and ten pages of reading matter there is no such wholesome reading that it is invidious to particularize. In a sketch programme given by the editor of the next volume reference is made to the lasting benefits to be derived from perusal of magazines of this character which appeal to the better instincts of the better mind. People are wearying of the continuous stream of frothy and frivolous literature which has been flooding the country in recent years, and are beginning to long for something of a more satisfying nature. It is conclusive testimony of the satisfying nature of *The Quiver* that at the end of forty years it still retains the confidence of its readers, and we agree with the concluding paragraph that:—'As true now as it ever was is the old saying that *The Quiver* is not only a magazine but an Institution. The numerous interests which emanate from and cluster round it have secured it a position which is quite unique.'

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## REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, 29th October 1899.

## THE WAR—REINFORCEMENTS.

Two hundred and fifty Victorian and 60 Tasmanian Volunteers for the Cape have left Melbourne on board the *Motie*, which will call at Adelaide and Albany and receive 125 more Volunteers at each port. The *Kent* has sailed with the first portion of the Sydney Contingent, amidst tremendous enthusiasm.

The *Brewster* Colb, with 1,400 troops, has arrived at Capetown.

Three hundred picked seamen have left Portsmouth to replace the Naval Brigade recently landed at the Cape. A number of field guns was sent at the same time.

## THE SITUATION IN NORTH NATAL.

There are indications that an engagement is impending at Ladysmith. The Boers are in force on the Helderberg Road. General White ordered out a strong force from Ladysmith, and found the enemy in a strong position, from which the mounted infantry failed to draw them owing to the lateness of the hour. General White's column then withdrew, but the enemy withdrew at daylight to Bloisfontein.

## THE BOMBARDMENT OF MAFÉKING.

News from Mafeking, dated 29th Oct., states that the town was bombarded for three hours, suffering but little damage. The enemy then demanded a surrender, which Sir Baden Powell refused. The bombardment has not been resumed.

## THE WOUNDED.

The wounded at Glenage are doing splendidly.

## LATER.

## THE WAR.

Saturday and Sunday were quiet at Ladysmith. The Boers are closing in, and placing big guns in position.

A sortie from Mafeking on the 24th October found the enemy in a strong position northwards. The Boers have cut the waterworks, but the tanks are sufficient to supply the garrison.

The fighting at Kimberley on the 24th October, is officially confirmed. Lieuts. Lowndes and Brigham, [Dingham?], of the Lancashire, and Lieut. Medlicott, R.E., were wounded; the two first mentioned severely, and the last slightly.

General White cables that three Boer guns were dismantled and disabled in the first action at Glenage, and that the Boer loss was five hundred.

[According to the latest Home papers, a portion of the 1st Royal North Lancashire Regiment was at Kimberley. Lieut. G. I. Keblewick of this regiment has been placed in command of the colonial troops in Gwalior West. He has had considerable service on the Staff in the Sudan, especially at Suakin in 1898 as brigade major, and afterwards D.A.A.G. of British troops with whom he was at the action of Gannak. Colonel Poles-Powell was last reported at Bulawayo, where he was organizing volunteer forces, a portion of whom he sent down to Mafeking to patrol the frontier.—Rm., C.M.]

(Rental's Notice to Singapore.)

LONDON, October 29.

## THE ACTION AT ELANDSLAAGTE.

The Boers handled their artillery well at Elandslaagte. The Lancasters and the Buffaloes charged, in the darkness, the retreating Boers.

## THE GLENAGE RAILWAY SAFE.

Railway connection between Ladysmith and Glenage is practically restored.

## GERMAN COLONEL CAUGHT.

The enemy at Elandslaagte comprised Hollanders, Germans and other nationalities. The German Colonel Schiel is a prisoner.

## ANOTHER BATTLE GOING ON AT GLENAGE.

Glenage advances of uncertain date, but believed to be Saturday, state that Commandant-General Gubbins's main body is attacking the British entrenched position.

## THE BRITISH AT ELANDSLAAGTE.

General Sir George White's force comprised the 5th Dragoons, a squadron of the 5th Lancers, three batteries of Field Artillery, the 1st Devonshires, the 1st Manchester and the 2nd Gordon Highlanders, with several squadrons of Colonial cavalry and mounted infantry.

## A SPECIAL SERVICE SQUADRON.

H.M.S. *Hyacinth*, H.M.S. *Highflyer*, H.M.S. *Juno*, and H.M.S. *Charlydia*, are commissioning at Devonport for a special service squadron. The destination of this squadron is not stated.

## THE NEW ZEALAND CONTINGENT.

The New Zealand contingent has sailed for South Africa.

(L'Avant de Tonkin.)

## THE WAR.

PARIS, October 29.

Two thousand Boers have been defeated at Elandslaagte, to the north of Ladysmith. The English had a colonel and 27 soldiers killed, and 22 officers and 99 soldiers wounded.

The Boers renewed the attack upon Glenage on the 21st, but were repulsed with loss after a lively fight.

## THE ENGLISH VICTORY AT GLENAGE ON THE 21ST.

The English victory at Glenage on the 21st is not confirmed. They evacuated Dundee, leaving their wounded behind. News is anxiously awaited in England. The English losses at Elandslaagte were 42 killed and 215 wounded.

[The British troops at Dundee on the 27th September were—544 officers and men of the Dublin Fusiliers, 562 Leicester Regiment, 499 of the 18th Hussars, two batteries of Field Artillery and one of Mountain Artillery, a detachment of Engineers, and the usual departmental branches. An attempt was being made to get the Liverpool Regiment and four batteries of artillery up to this camp. The whole of the King's Royal Rifles were at Ladysmith, with a portion of the 5th Lancers.—Rm., C.M.]

## REORGANISATION OF FRENCH ARMY.

A decree has been published reorganising the Army Staff, the members of which will, in future, be selected from among the Commanders of Corps d'Armée. Generals Horcé and Giovinetti have been reduced to the rank of lieutenant of general of physical incapacity. They are promoted to the Grand Cross.

(Le Courrier d'Haiphong.)

## THE WAR.

PARIS, October 29.

The Boers, after the engagement at Glenage, retired in good order, engaging the cavalry whom they passed.

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Legislative Council met this afternoon. H.E. Sir Henry A. Blake, G.C.M.G., presided.

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Colonial Secretary submitted the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 23) to the Council. The first vote was recommended unanimously by the Finance Committee, with regard to the supply part of the Bill all the items were recommended, and when the Committee came to the part of the Bill relating to the Public Works Extension a vote was given by a majority of 10 to 10. The consideration of these items might be postponed for a fortnight. Knowing that His Excellency was desirous that these matters should be thoroughly discussed he took upon himself to inform the Committee that there would be no objection to the time for consideration being extended to a fortnight. He would therefore move that the vote on account of water account, \$200, be approved.

## THE COLONIAL TREASURER RECOMMENDED.

The Acting Attorney General proposed the second reading of the Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend the law relating to S. 10. The amendments to the law in this Bill had been introduced in accordance with the instructions of the Secretary of State. Clause 2 provided for a taxing officer.

## THE COLONIAL SECRETARY RECOMMENDED.

The second reading was carried, the bill passed through Committee, passed the third reading and was carried.

## PRESIDENTIAL DUTIES IN HONGKONG.

The Council then went into Committee on the Legislative Council's Ordinance. Mr. May moved that a resolution of the Council be passed in relation to the Bill.

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## PHEASANT REARING IN HONGKONG.

With the acquisition of the New Territory the question of raising game within its borders is not unlikely to engage the attention of local sportsmen, and it may therefore serve a useful purpose if we give particulars of what has been done in the past to raise game on the Island of Hongkong.

In 1885, a Club was formed with the object of laying down game on a portion of the Island, the right of shooting over which was to be reserved to the Club, but nothing came of the project.

In 1894, Mr. F. H. May obtained from the Government the exclusive right of shooting over the Tsim Sha Tsui Peninsula for a space of three years, and during that period he and Mr. J. J. Bell-Irving laid down in the preserve 300 pheasants and 750 partridges. Before any birds were laid down trapping and poisoning of vermin was extensively carried out by Mr. May, and continued, together with the extending of snakes (of which 329 were killed in two months) up to the end of 1897, when his exclusive rights expired and were not renewed. He also incurred considerable expense in erecting a pheasant house, in which were kept a number of hen pheasants, whose eggs were collected and hatched out under fowls.

The first year, the huns-imported wild birds from Shanghai and Canton, did not lay at all, but in the following year a number of chicks were hatched out. The whole of three chicks.

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Legislative Council met this afternoon. H.E. Sir Henry A. Blake, G.C.M.G., presided.

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Colonial Secretary submitted the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 23) to the Council. The first vote was recommended unanimously by the Finance Committee, with regard to the supply part of the Bill all the items were recommended, and when the Committee came to the part of the Bill relating to the Public Works Extension a vote was given by a majority of 10 to 10. The consideration of these items might be postponed for a fortnight. Knowing that His Excellency was desirous that these matters should be thoroughly discussed he took upon himself to inform the Committee that there would be no objection to the time for consideration being extended to a fortnight. He would therefore move that the vote on account of water account, \$200, be approved.

## THE COLONIAL TREASURER RECOMMENDED.

The Acting Attorney General proposed the second reading of the Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend the law relating to S. 10. The amendments to the law in this Bill had been introduced in accordance with the instructions of the Secretary of State. Clause 2 provided for a taxing officer.

## THE COLONIAL SECRETARY RECOMMENDED.

The second reading was carried, the bill passed through Committee, passed the third reading and was carried.

## PRESIDENTIAL DUTIES IN HONGKONG.

The Council then went into Committee on the Legislative Council's Ordinance. Mr. May moved that a resolution of the Council be passed in relation to the Bill.

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worth, but care had to be taken that no part of the plate became exposed. The box and run must be carefully covered up at night. Great care must be taken that ants get at the chicks at night and kill them. Besides the reason above stated a fowl is objectionable, because she must have water without camphor, and when she has it is difficult to prevent the chicks drinking it also. Camphor water is most useful in preventing gapes in the chicks during the first fortnight of their existence. Once over that critical period, the chicks are likely to live.

Great cleanliness must be observed, and it is a good thing to sprinkle the birds with clean water when the sun is out and there is a chance of the birds soon drying, and being warm enough not to take a chill from the wetting. If they can be made to jump up for their food it provides required exercise.

Mr. May's experience with the birds turned down on the Island, demonstrates that pheasants will thrive on the Island, although the country is too confined, probably too hilly (for the ring-necked pheasant likes low-lying, swampy country), and lacking in sufficient areas of cultivated ground. It follows that in some of the valleys of the New Territory pheasants would do well, there being plenty of cover to protect them, and good feeding grounds to tempt them to stay. In the past, pheasants have been shot by sportsmen still in the Colony on the western shores of Mirs Bay, and on the shores of Rocky Harbour and Port Shelter, the last bag of any size having been made by Mr. John Bell-Irving in 1883, when he shot five pheasants in one day, starting from Hongkong in the morning and returning in the evening. Recently, pheasants have been seen in a district in the New Territory, which we are not at liberty to mention. These latter birds are probably some of those laid down on the Island by Messrs May and Bell-Irving.

Mrs. Ford's recent success in rearing pheasant chicks proves that chicks can be successfully reared here, with care and constant attention (which are indispensable anywhere in rearing these extremely delicate birds), and we see no reason why, with proper appliances, such as incubators, &c., and given a suitable locality and careful Chinese attendants, pheasants should not be reared in large numbers.

A great deal would have to be done before the preserve was given up on the 1st of September, 1897, and a pheasant has not been seen on the ground since December in that year but two or three have been seen in other parts of the Island. The experiment was, therefore, a complete failure, although everything was done to make a head of game on the ground by feeding the birds, trapping and poisoning vermin and birds of prey, and encouraging the natives to protect the birds by paying them for every bird not shot but seen in the preserve.

When the preserve was relinquished some of the pheasants kept in confinement were transferred from the pheasantry to the Botanical Gardens, where by the courtesy of Mr. Charles Ford, Superintendent of the Botanical and Afforestation Department, they were kept in one of the aviaries. Mr. Ford interested himself in endeavouring to rear some young birds, but the hens being a newly-imported wild batch would not lay at first, and in the first year they did no chicks were reared though some were hatched out.

This year, Mrs. Ford interested herself in the rearing work, with the result that she is to be congratulated on being the proud possessor of the first pheasants that have ever been reared in confinement in Hongkong.


Only a small number of eggs were gathered as an experiment, and twelve chicks altogether were hatched out under a fowl. Of these five died of gapes and five were killed through various accidents. Thus only two have escaped the perils that beset the tender pheasant chick, but they are such fine, healthy birds that they have amply rewarded the anxious care of their rearer. No one knows who has not tried it what time and patience and constant attention are required to rear young pheasants, and sportsmen owe a debt of gratitude to Mrs. Ford who has taken the trouble to prove that pheasants can be successfully reared here, for if the breeding and rearing were undertaken on a large scale there is no reason why very satisfactory results should not be attained.

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